

# PROFITABLE XMAS GIFTS

## GIVE THINGS THAT WILL LAST A LIFE TIME

We have been supplying families in Alma and vicinity with furniture for years and know what appeals to them. We cannot list or even attempt to describe the hundreds of articles that would make acceptable and appreciated Holiday gifts for the young and old. If in doubt we can advise you. As a suggestion we want you to come in and look around—you'll not need to look far before you'll find some article "just the thing."

### "Push The Button and Rest" Chairs



We are carrying a large line of fine chairs for the Christmas trade. Rockers and Morris chairs predominate. We have tried to fit every pocket in pricing these

**Royal Easy Chairs**  
THE PUSH-BUTTON CHAIR

### Pictures

Our Picture Department is thoroughly equipped to handle any kind of

#### Framing

Regardless of its size.

Beautiful Reproductions of Famous Paintings

### Reed Furniture

Is Always Good

### Dining Room Suites

Well made, beautifully finished and artistic in design. Genuine Mahogany or American Walnut.

Complete in Every Detail.

Buffet, China Case, Extension Table, Side Table, Arm Chair, Six Small Chairs

### Kitchen Cabinets

A complete line of the famous Hoosier Kitchen Cabinets. A wonderful present for the housewife. Will save her work and worry and will always be a source of pleasure.



### Serving Tables

Make fine gifts and are always useful in the home, especially in the sick room.

### Writing Desks

A gift that will inspire. We have a large line of these in different woods and numerous finishes.

### Every Man Wants Comfort

What could be a more appropriate gift to "him" than a beautiful Smoking Stand? A dozen grades and designs.

### Dressing Tables

One of the finest gifts imaginable for the ladies. Look over our fine line.

### Book Cases

A number of designs in various woods and finishes. They make a gift for the entire family.

### Rugs

#### AXMINSTER

Exceptionally attractive patterns and color combinations, good taste and pleasing appearance combined with service.



#### BRUSSELS

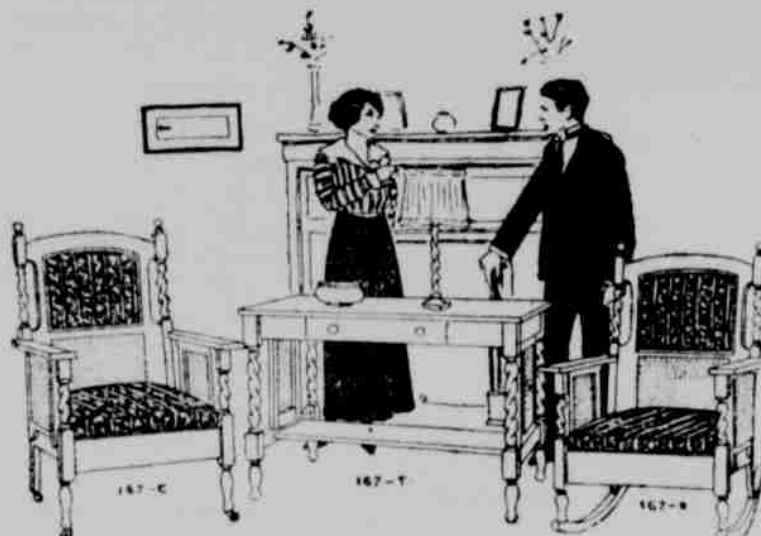
High grade, all-wool face, well covered, closely woven. Best of its kind in finish, pattern and coloring.

#### WILTON

Seamless, fine, close weave, all worsted pile, superior Wilton grade, heavy and firm. Beautiful coloring, silky sheen.

### LIBRARY OUTFITS

You can't make a too early start on your Christmas things. Everyone will shop early this year—so if you want first selection—now is the time.



This is a year when it is important that needful things be purchased. Nearly everyone has need for some furniture. We invite you to look over our lines.

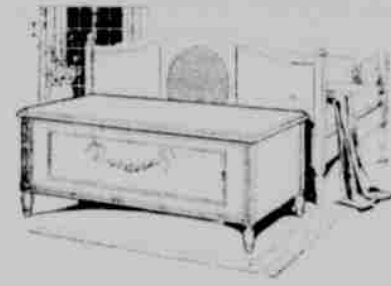
### Cedar Chests

Standard Red Cedar Chests  
Anti-Moth, Damp, Dust

An Ideal Gift for Christmas

Distinctly Beautiful. Needed

In Every Home.



# Crandell & Scott

Furniture and Undertaking

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## What Does the Victory or Defeat of Germany Mean to the U. S.?

By AGNES REPPLIER.

It would be well if every American would possess his mind of two popular and pleasing fancies. First, that the United States took up arms as a knight errant to right the wrongs of France and Belgium. Second, that our impressive entrance into the war must inevitably and of itself decide the issue. We are fighting as a free people for our own safety, and we must fight hard and well, or suffer a shameful defeat. Germany denied us the seas because she thought we would accept our fate from her hands. She permits herself now a profound contempt for our army. Untrained men with defective ammunition are about as terrible in her eyes as prairie dogs would be in ours. She boasts happily that we will pay her the indemnity which is essential for her reconstruction.

Meanwhile, to make sure of our downfall, she plots treasonably in every state in the Union. Perhaps, if she wins the day, she will recompense such men as Senators Stone and La Follette, and Mayor Thompson of Chicago. More likely she will fling them on the scrap heap. But loyal Americans may well understand that unless this nation puts forth all its strength, without reserve, without fatigue, without self-pity; unless we crush the traitors at home, and defeat the enemy abroad, a bitter future awaits us. At best, we shall be humiliated, impoverished, and crippled in our foreign trade for many years to come. At worst, we shall see in our land the blazing homes, the ravished women, the butchered children, the unutterable shame and horror which mark the wake of a German army of invasion. From Kalamazoo Herald of November 8.

Women's Committee (Mich. Div.),  
Council of National Defense.

### FOREST HILL

Mr. and Mrs. Cage Wood entertained at a Thanksgiving dinner, O. L. Pembroke and family, B. H. Wood and family of Alma, Leslie Wood and family of Elm Hall, Miss Vera Fordyce of Coe, L. H. Wood and family, Mrs. B. Hamilton and children and Carl Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Doane and daughter, Marie, of Alma ate Thanksgiving dinner with Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Moody.

Mrs. Edgar Sias was an Alma shopper Friday. There was a family reunion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Towersey Thursday. Their daughter, Mrs. J. Mattern, and husband of Saginaw were among those present.

The Misses Edna Sias and Tressa Daily were home from Ashley from Wednesday until Sunday.

Mrs. C. S. Farr was an Alma caller Wednesday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Miller, Dec. 1st, a baby girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Post entertained her brother, Wm. Beverly, and family of Breckinridge Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Moody spent from Wednesday until Sunday with Mrs. Moody's parents in Kalamazoo.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kemp and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Kemp and son, George Jr., and Mrs. Barcume spent Sunday at E. Stahl's at Coe.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Robinson of Alma and Mr. and Mrs. Gay Robinson of Ithaca spent Thursday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Robinson. Miss Eula Chaffin ate Thanksgiving dinner with her brother, Walter Chaffin, and family east of St. Louis.

Mrs. Jerry Myers is on the sick list. Mrs. Eva Bailor was in Alma shopping Monday.

Mrs. Will Bowers of Alma spent the week-end with her daughter, Mrs. Roy Raycraft.

Alvin Robke is seriously ill with appendicitis.

Mrs. Cal Best entertained her brother and sister from Pleasant Valley Sunday and Monday.

Lloyd Newcomb was called to Shepherd Thursday by the death of his father.

Mr. and Mrs. James Mills entertained the Young People's Bible Class Friday evening. There was a large crowd present and a fine time was reported by all. There will be a wood bee at the church Thursday. Come with your

axe and saws prepared to work. There is also some repairing to be done at the parsonage. The L. A. S. will serve dinner at Mrs. Elmer Post's.

Announcement for the Forest Hill Church of Christ, December 9, 1917: L. Pembroke and family, B. H. Wood and family of Alma, Leslie Wood and family of Elm Hall, Miss Vera Fordyce of Coe, L. H. Wood and family, Mrs. B. Hamilton and children and Carl Wood.

Junior Endeavor 3:00 p. m. Senior Endeavor 6:45 p. m. Evening Worship 7:45 p. m. Subject, "A Discourse on Prayer."

A cordial welcome is extended to all.

Lyman G. Blood, Minister.

### WRIGHT SCHOOL

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Donovan entertained Sunday for dinner Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kantiz of Elwell, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kantiz of Milan, Miss Mildred Hartford of Indian and Mr. and Mrs. Will Kelly and two daughters of Alma.

Mr. Hugh Bartley of M. A. C. spent Thanksgiving with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bartley.

Mrs. Wesley Webb and son Erwin spent a few days last week with her mother in Greendale.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Wright spent Thanksgiving with their son Leon in Alma.

Mrs. Frank Ellis is entertaining her sister and husband from Saginaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Giles Isham and two daughters spent Monday in Alma, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charley Andrews.

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Daymon of Pompeii spent last Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Isham.

Quite a few from St. Louis attended the dancing party at Will Leonard's Wednesday eve.

There will be a shadow social December 14 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Giles Isham. The ladies are requested to bring a box with lunch for two. Everybody welcome.

There was a large crowd that attended the Arcadia Farmers' club at Mr. H. Hainline's last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Heck Smith entertained their son and family from Saginaw Thanksgiving.

### For a Weak Stomach.

As a general rule, all you need to do is to adopt a diet suited to your age and occupation and to keep your bowels regular. When you feel that you have eaten too much and when constipated, take one of Chamberlain's Tablets.

## MAZOLA

enables the housewife to save butter, lard, suet—and give her family the best of foods

"THE proof of the pudding is in the eating"—and the proof of Mazola is in the cooking.

Mazola is not only the perfect medium for deep frying, sautéing, shortening and salad dressing—it is the perfect vegetable oil—produced from golden American corn. Food Administrator Hoover asks us to use vegetable oils.

Mazola has not been established in a day. It has taken months of trial on the part of housewives who at first were reluctant to give up butter, lard or compounds.

If you are not already numbered among the thousands of Mazola users, get a can of Mazola and try this recipe.

### BREAKFAST MUFFINS

2 cups flour 1 teaspoon salt 1 cup milk  
4 level teaspoons baking powder 1 tablespoon sugar 1 full tablespoon Mazola

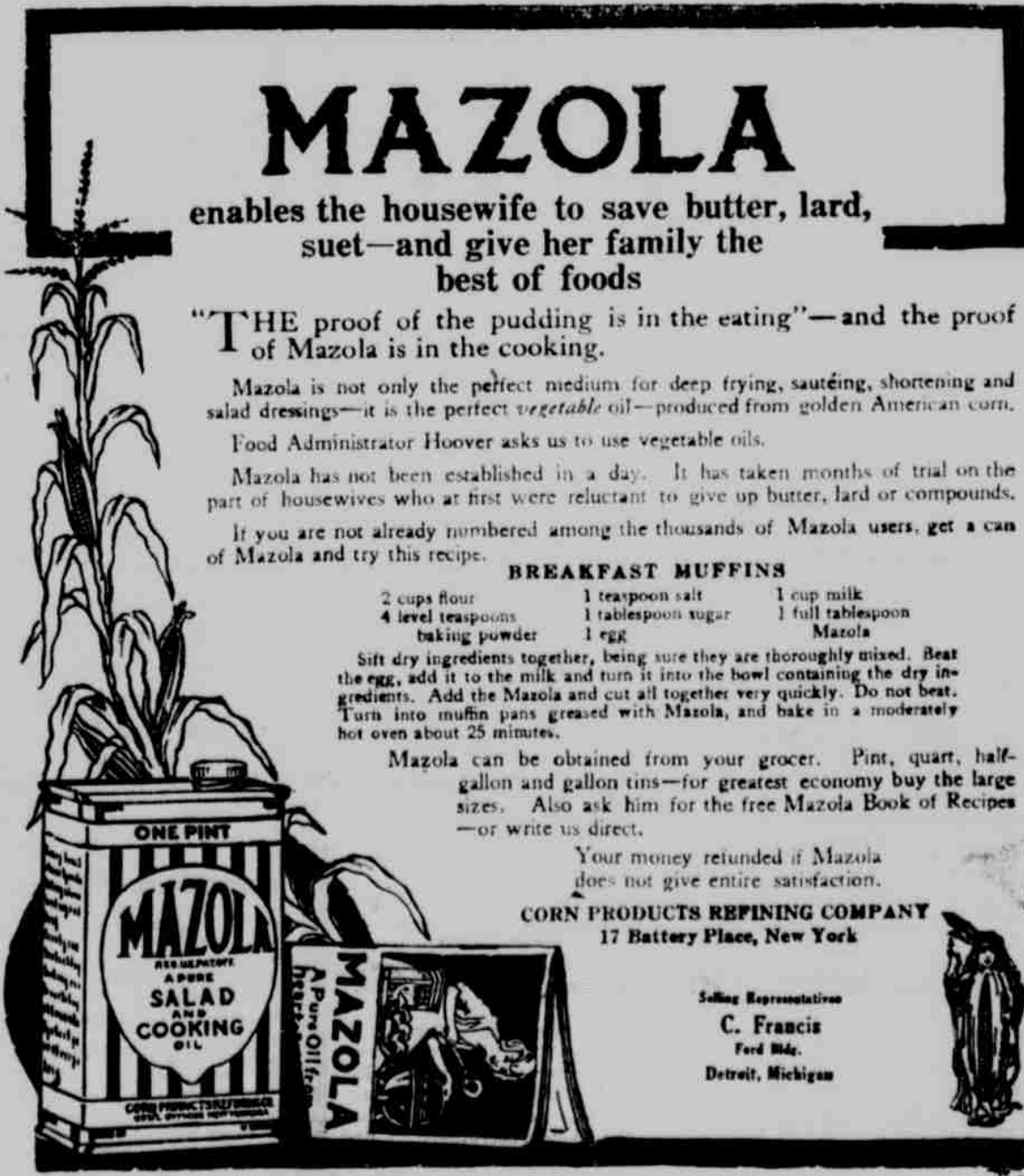
Sift dry ingredients together, being sure they are thoroughly mixed. Beat the egg, add it to the milk and turn it into the bowl containing the dry ingredients. Add the Mazola and cut all together very quickly. Do not beat. Turn into muffin pans greased with Mazola, and bake in a moderately hot oven about 25 minutes.

Mazola can be obtained from your grocer. Pint, quart, half-gallon and gallon tins—for greatest economy buy the large sizes. Also ask him for the free Mazola Book of Recipes—or write us direct.

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